

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0030] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

With reference to Figures 2 and 3, each portion of the instrument 20 may be dismantled or disassembled from the other portion. That is, the handle 22 is generally removably connected to the collet 26 with an appropriate mechanism. The collet 26 includes a engageable portion or chuck engageable member 28. The chuck engageable member 28 is generally received within a sleeve 30 of the collet 26. The chuck engageable portion 28 extends from a first or proximal end 32 of the sleeve 30 while a second end or tool engageable portion 34 of the collet 26 extends from a distal end ~~[[36]]~~ 35 of the collet 26.

Please replace Paragraph [0033] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

With further reference to Figure 3, the collet 26 may be a quick-release collet. Although the chuck engageable portion 28 may be substantially permanently or selectively engaged in a selected tool, the distal portion 35 of the collet ~~[[34]]~~ 26, including the portions included therein, are designed to allow for a generally substantially quick-release of the tool, such as the harvesting member 24 from the collet 26. Therefore, the harvesting member 24 may be pressed into the collet 26 and held therein for a use without the need of other manipulation.

Please replace Paragraph [0035] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

The chuck engageable portion 28 and the tool engaging portion 34 are generally integrally formed as a single unit. Nevertheless, it will be understood that they may be formed of two or more portions. Regardless, the chuck engageable portion 28 and the tool engaging portion 34 generally define a member 44 that is held within or interacts with the collar 42. The collar 42 may be held or secured within a central chamber or bore 46 formed within the sleeve [[3]] 30. The compression spring 36 allows for the collar 42 and the member 44 to move axially in the direction of arrow A relative to the sleeve 30. The compression spring 36 biases the member 44 towards the distal end [[34]] 35 of the collet 26 prior to insertion of the harvesting member 24. As described herein, pressure from insertion of the harvesting member 24 into the distal end [[34]] 35 of the collet 26 moves the collar 42 and allows for interaction of the pin 38 and the bearing 40 to generally interconnect the harvesting member 24 with the collet 26 and in turn the handle 22.

Please replace Paragraph [0036] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

The harvesting member 24, with reference to Figures 4A and 4B, generally defines a coring or sharpened end or portion 50 and a collet engaging end 52. The collet engaging end 52 generally includes openings or apertures 54 that are able to engage selected portions of the collet 26, such as the bearings 40. An additional aperture 56 is provided to engage the pin 38 within the collar. Therefore, as the

harvesting member 24 is passed over and may encompass at least a portion of the tool engaging portion 34, the pin engaging portions 56 are able to engage the pin 38 and the bearing apertures 54 are generally engaged by the bearings 40.

Please replace Paragraph [0037] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

The pin engaging portions 56 allow for the pin 38 to interact with harvesting member 24 such that a torque may be passed from the collet portion 26, or from the chuck engaging member 28 to the harvesting member 24. The bearing apertures 54, in addition and alternatively to the pin 38, interact with the bearings 40 to assist in alignment of the harvesting member 24 with the collet 26. As the harvesting member 24 is pressed over to encompass at least a portion of the collar 42, it engages a shoulder or coring engaging portion 58 to press the collar 42 towards the proximal end 32 of the sleeve 30. As this occurs, the bearings 40 are able to pass through the bearing apertures 54 and engage a bearing locking depression 60 formed within the sleeve 30. At this position, the bearings are generally able to hold the collar 42 in a selected position relative to the sleeve 30 which, in turn, holds the harvesting member 24 in the selected position relative to the sleeve 30 for the operation of the harvesting member 24. The compression spring 36 provides tension to the mechanism to allow for the bearings 40 to generally engage and hold the mechanism in a selected position. Nevertheless, the bearings 40 are generally allowed to move a distance and may further include a compression spring held near the bearing 40. With the application of a selected force, such as pulling the harvesting member 24 towards the distal end [[34]]

35 of the sleeve 30, the bearings 40 may disengage from the depression 60 to allow for removal of the harvesting member 24 from the collet 26.

Please replace Paragraph [0039] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

With additional reference to Figures 4A and 4B, the harvesting member 24 is generally elongated and is formed of a selected material that defines the internal cannula 64. The internal cannula 64 defined by the harvesting member that defines a tube 24 is substantially equal in diameter, or a selected distance, between the cutting end 50 and the collet engaging end 52. As an example, the internal cannula 64 being of a substantially equal distance throughout may allow any material positioned therein to be removed from either the cutting end 50 or the collet engaging end 52. Therefore, the material positioned therein can be removed if either of the two ends becomes damaged or blocked due to other reasons.